

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling a cursor in a computer comprising the following steps:

providing an input signal generated by the computer;

providing a cursor control apparatus for receiving a user input and providing signals indicative of the user input, the cursor control apparatus connected to the computer;

providing a piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus coupled with the cursor control apparatus;

providing a driver circuit coupled to the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus, the driver circuit operable to generate an AC signal that causes the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus to vibrate;

providing a suppression circuit coupled to the computer and the driver circuit and the cursor control apparatus; the suppression circuit adapted to receive the input signal and deactivate the cursor control apparatus;

providing a switch circuit, the switch circuit connected to the computer and between the driver circuit and the suppression circuit and the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus.

deactivating the operation of the cursor control apparatus in response to the suppression circuit sensing an the input signal, ~~the suppression circuit generating a suppression signal that deactivates the cursor control apparatus;~~

the switch circuit, in response to receiving the input signal, starting the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus for a first period of time, the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus adapted to vibrate the cursor control apparatus;

stopping the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus after the first period of time; and

~~stopping the suppression signal; and~~

the suppression circuit activating ~~allowing the operation of~~ the cursor control apparatus.

2. (original) The method for controlling a cursor in a computer of claim 1 and further comprising the following step:

activating the tactile feedback apparatus in response to predefined user inputs from the cursor control apparatus.

3. (original) The method for controlling a cursor in a computer of claim 2 and wherein the predefined user input is a selection indication.

4. (original) The method for controlling a cursor in a computer of claim 2 and wherein the predefined user input is placement of the cursor over an active area on a display device.

5-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A cursor control system comprising:

a computer adapted to generate an input signal;

a cursor control apparatus for sensing user inputs and providing outputs corresponding to the user input, the cursor control apparatus connected to the computer;

a piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus coupled to the cursor control apparatus for providing tactile feedback to the user in response to a predefined user input;

a driver circuit coupled to the piezo-electric tactile feedback , the driver circuit generating an ac signal for powering the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus, ~~the ac signal being applied in response to an input signal;~~

a switch circuit, the switch circuit connected to the computer and between the driver circuit and a suppression circuit and the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus, the switch circuit turning on the driver circuit in response to receiving the input signal from the computer;

a ~~cursor~~ suppression circuit ~~system~~ coupled to the cursor control apparatus and the driver switch circuit, the cursor suppression system sensing the input signal and deactivating the cursor control apparatus during operation of the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus such that the sensing of user inputs is prevented during the operation of the tactile feedback apparatus.

8-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The cursor control system of ~~claim 9~~ and claim 7 wherein the ac signal is 300-400 hz.

11. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the ~~cursor suppression system~~ circuit filters out cursor inputs resulting from the tactile feedback operation.

12. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the ~~cursor suppression system~~ circuit blocks cursor inputs during the tactile feedback operation.

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the ~~cursor suppression system~~ circuit comprises a set of machine readable instructions for performing the operation.

15. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the suppression ~~system~~ circuit filters out spurious signals generated by the tactile feedback operation.

16-17. (cancelled)

18. (new) The cursor control system of claim 7 wherein the cursor control apparatus is reactivated after the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus has completed operation.